

REMARKS

Claims 70-129 were pending in the application. The Examiner required a restriction to Claims 70-97, stating that the Claims 98-129 were directed to an invention independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Claims 98-129 are cancelled.

Claims 70-97 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over U.S. patent no. 6,240,365 to Bunn.

Claim 70 is amended to incorporate the language of its dependent Claim 73 (which recited "pushing"). Claims 72-73 are cancelled.

Claim 70 is directed to processing "location-relevant traffic information that indicates traffic conditions relevant to a position of the first mobile unit". The first mobile unit transmits the information to a "first system". The first system performs a network transmission based on this information to a "second mobile unit", and this network transmission comprises "pushing information to the second mobile unit".

In Bunn, a vehicle's local controller may provide information to an HQ computer, and this information may be used to "improve safety and security to all other customers with access to the HQ computer" (column 6, lines 22-25), but there is no teaching of the HQ computer "pushing" information to the other customers' controllers based on the location-relevant information as recited in Claim 70. See e.g. Bunn, column 5, lines 1-9 (customer issues commands to get information; thus, the information is provided in response to commands rather than pushed). Bunn provides no motivation for pushing of the information as in Claim 70.

Claim 71 depends from Claim 70.

The remaining claims are allowable for similar reasons. Specifically:

Claim 74 is amended to incorporate its dependent Claim 77 ("pushing").

Claim 75 depends from Claim 74.

Claims 76-77 are cancelled.

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"pushing"

Claim 78 is amended to incorporate its dependent Claim 82.

Claims 79-80 depend from Claim 78.

Claims 81-82 are cancelled.

Claim 83 is amended to incorporate its dependent Claim 87.

Claims 84-85 depend from Claim 83.

Claims 86-87 are cancelled.

Claim 88 is amended to incorporate its dependent Claim 92.

Claims 89-90 depend from Claim 88.

Claims 91-92 are cancelled.

Claim 93 is amended to incorporate its dependent Claim 97.

Claims 94-95 depend from Claim 93.

Claims 96-97 are cancelled.

Drawings: Fig. 2 (drawing sheet 1) is amended to correct a typographical error in box 205. More particularly, "User" is changed to --Use--. The amendment is supported by Applicants' specification, page 8, lines 18-20.

Any questions regarding this case can be addressed to the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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